GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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NATIONAL ORGAN TRANSPLANT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of donated organs is not sufficient to meet the demand in the country;

(b) if so, the number of patients who require organ transplant and the number of organs transplanted during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of patients who die every year due to non-availability of timely transplantation;

(d) whether the Government is planning to launch National Organ Transplant Programme to regulate organ transplant in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to save the poor people who are lured to donate their organs for a petty sum?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Health is a State subject. The data, is therefore, not maintained centrally.

(d)&(e) It has been felt that donation of organs needs to be popularized and encouraged through a National Organ Transplant Programme. Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rupees one Crore for the Annual Plan 2007-08 under scheme of National Organ Transplant Programme.

(f) Sale/ purchase of human organs is already prohibited under Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994. Appropriate authorities established under this Act are responsible and empowered to check the illegal activities of human organs trafficking.